

# ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES FOR CALTRANS

#### **Program**

The Active Transportation Program (ATP) is designed and developed to promote bicycle and pedestrian projects that support SB 375 goals and to bring additional funding to these projects. The Active Transportation Program provides approximately \$125 million in funding annually. The program is funded from a combination of federal and state funds.

#### **Funding**

Metropolitan Planning Organizations with a population over 200k receive 40% of the ATP funds for sub-allocation. 60% of Active Transportation funds are administered via a statewide competitive program. Small Urban and rural areas are guaranteed a minimum 10% of the ATP funds within the statewide program. Also Disadvantaged Communities are guaranteed a minimum of 25% of the entire program's funding.

## **Caltrans Eligibility**

Caltrans is eligible to apply for the statewide competitive program, however, Caltrans is not eligible to receive federal Transportation Alternative (TA) Set-Aside funds appropriated to the Active Transportation Program. Funding awarded to projects submitted directly by Caltrans is limited to other Active Transportation Program funds (STBGP and SHA). Caltrans may partner with an eligible entity to expand funding opportunities.

#### **Solicitations**

The ATP is currently in the third cycle of project selections. Cycle 3 solicitation closed on June 15, 2016. The next solicitation (Cycle 4) will occur in 2018 for program years 21/22 and 22/23.

Caltrans may submit an application during the solicitation. This application is considered a PSR Equivalent (PID) for the purposes of the program. If selected, the project is programmed by the California Transportation Commission (CTC) into the ATP Program and then must be programmed into the FTIP if receiving federal funds.

Projects are evaluated by a group of independent evaluators selected by CTC staff. CTC staff then selects the projects to be funded and makes a recommendation to the CTC who is responsible for adopting the program of projects.

#### **Awarded Projects**

Once awarded, ATP projects are subject to CTC's Timely Use of Funds provisions. There are no cost increases allowed in the program and projects can only be advanced with formal approval of the CTC. Scope changes are not allowed in the program unless recommended by Caltrans and approved by the CTC through a formal process.

Funds must be allocated by phase through the CTC during a regularly scheduled CTC meetings prior to funds being authorized to the project.

## Reporting

Successful applicants are required to submit semi-annual status reports showing delivery of each project phase and a final report to Caltrans. The final report must be submitted within one year of construction completion and must include a comparison between the application and actual scope, cost and schedule; before and after photos; and performance outcomes.

### **Caltrans ATP Managers**

Teresa McWilliam (Districts 6, 7, 8, 9, 11 and 12) Ted Davini (Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10).